

Auburn Planning Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2013

Roll Call

Full Members present: Dan Bilodeau, Robert Bowyer Presiding, Evan Cyr, Robert Gagnon, Emily Mottram, and Dan Philbrick.

Full Members absent: Marc Tardif

Associate Members present: Mia Poliquin Pross and Kenneth Bellefleur. Mr. Bellefleur participated as a Full Member for this meeting.

Also present: City Planner Eric Cousens who represented City staff.

Chairman Bowyer stated that any action on the December 11, 2012 minutes would be deferred until after the Public Hearing.

Public Hearings:

Auburn Business Development Corporation is seeking an amendment to a Major Subdivision and a Site Location of Development Permit for the proposed Auburn Industrial Subdivision, an eight (8) Lot Subdivision of 98.85+/- acres, to be located off Lewiston Junction Road, (Parcel ID #'s 118-002, 118-004 and a portion of 130-001), Pursuant to Chapter 60, Article XVI, Division 4, Subdivision of the City of Auburn. The purpose of the amendment is to update the plans to reflect the Army Corp. of Engineer and Maine DEP Permit Requirements and to extend the approval.

Chairman Bowyer explained the procedure that is used for Public Hearings.

Eric read the staff report.

Robert Gagnon asked if there was any access to Foster Road from lot #8. Eric replied that they were not intending to access Foster Road unless emergency vehicle access was required, and then there could be a gated entrance at that location.

There was continued discussion about the access to Foster Road amongst the Board members.

Chris Branch, Regional Manager for Sebago Technics, spoke about the project.

Emily Mottram asked how they were intending to access lot 8. Mr. Branch replied lot 8 would be accessed through lot 6.

Dan Bilodeau asked if there was any impact or changes to the existing recreational trail that was mapped out through there. He mentioned that skiers and snowmobilers went through that one area. Mr. Branch said that to the best of his knowledge there would not be any changes.

Bob Gagnon asked if they were intending to record all 12 plans and Mr. Branch replied they would be recording plans 3, 4, 5 and 6 and then renumbering them.

Chairman Bowyer requested that the plans have dates on them and that the formal decision of the Planning Board reference the specific plan dated. Mr. Branch stated that they put revision dates on all of their plans and planned to do so for this one also.

Open Public Hearing

A motion was made by Robert Gagnon and seconded by Dan Bilodeau to close the public hearing. After a vote, the motion carried 7-0-0.

A motion was made by Dan Bilodeau to approve the amendment to a Major Subdivision and a Site Location of Development Permit for the proposed Auburn Industrial Subdivision, an eight (8) Lot Subdivision of 98.85+/- acres, to be located off Lewiston Junction Road, (Parcel ID #'s 118-002, 118-004 and a portion of 130-001), Pursuant to Chapter 60, Article XVI, Division 4, Subdivision of the City of Auburn. The purpose of the amendment is to update the plans to reflect the Army Corp. of Engineer and Maine DEP Permit Requirements and to extend the approval.

The motion was seconded by Robert Gagnon.

Chairman Bowyer questioned why effluent was mentioned in the findings for this proposal since water and sewer was available. After some discussion, Chairman Bowyer felt contented with the findings as they were.

After a vote, the motion carried 7-0-0.

A request to approve the December 11, 2012 meeting minutes was made by staff.

A motion was made by Robert Gagnon and seconded by Emily Mottram to approve the December 11, 2012 Planning Board meeting minutes. After a vote, the motion carried 7-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Eric stated that the Water District (LAWPC) was working on a water quality diagnostic study. He said there wasn't much information available yet as they were still gathering data and no decisions had been made as to what was causing the algae bloom at the lake.

Eric stated that the City Manager was working on the Technical Review Committee that the Comp Plan discussed and he was hoping to convince the City Council that we need some

specific professional help as far as identifying what other communities are doing to deal with similar issues. He said we will be developing an RFP for that study and looking for input from the Board to make sure it addresses all of the issues that have been discussed throughout the Comprehensive Planning process.

Eric stated the Planning Board approval for the sludge composting facility in South Auburn was going to expire in the spring. He said that LAWPCA operated the facility and was in the process of putting together plans that will identify how they have changed over the years and what their plans are for the future.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Robert Gagnon and seconded by Emily Mottram to adjourn. After a vote, the motion carried 7-0-0.